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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

The demand for American apples in British markets during the past week has been very weak, according to a cable dated December 22 and received in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics from Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. The demand for the Christmas trade remained very poor, being affected considerably by the cold weather of last week. A better feeling is expected in the market after the New Year, states Mr. Smith.

Auction supplies are light, but stocks in the hands of jobbers and retailers are heavy. Ships from New York scheduled to reach Liverpool during the week have not yet arrived, due to the bad weather, states Mr. Smith. The market is glutted with Spanish oranges. These are being retailed mostly at from 22 cents to 25 cents per dozen.

Continental markets

York Imperials, U. S. No. 1, 2¼ inch, on the Copenhagen auction ranged between $7.30 and $8.03 per barrel. No quotations were reported for Copenhagen last week, but two weeks ago Yorks in that market ranged from $7.06 to $7.79 per barrel. In Hamburg on Tuesday of this week, Virginia York Imperials of the same size and grade brought from $6.33 to $7.79 per barrel as against $6.08 to $8.52 per barrel last week. Virginia Ben Davis ranged from $5.84 to $6.08 as compared with $6.33 to $7.06 last week. Prices on boxed stock in Hamburg ran from 25 cents to 50 cents per box below last week's quotations. The demand in Hamburg is being affected considerably by the prevailing cold weather.

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